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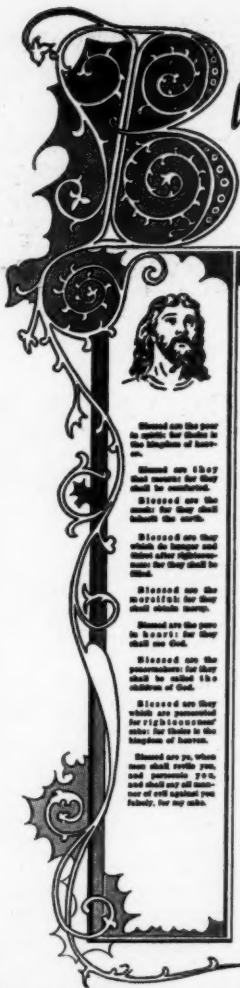
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Blessings from the Mount...

by Harry O. Kutz

"Blessed are the peacemakers..."

PEACE! It's wonderful! were the words uttered by the followers of a demented soul a few years ago as they greeted each other in their so-called "heavens." What a wretched mockery! There was nothing wrong with their slogan, however. Peace is truly wonderful. Their trouble was the basis for their sought-for peace. There can be no peace without the right foundation for it. All human quarrels have at their very bottoms the symptoms of a broken peace with God. Until a man is at rest with his Creator, he can hardly expect to find a lasting peace in this world.

No man can be an effective peacemaker unless he is at peace with his own nature. There has to be a settling of the inward wars before one can hope to be a peacemaker with those about him. Jesus

Gave as His last will and testament these blessed words, "My peace I give unto thee. . . ." I once heard Dr. Vance Havner, in a Bible conference, relate how he had been preaching to more tired people of that year than in all his life, and after preaching to great congregations all over the country; he was called to preach the old time camp meeting for his home church in the hills of North Carolina. During a testimony service, a sweet old lady with a sunbonnet on stood up and said, "I thank God for the deep-settled peace I have in my soul," and sat down. As he gazed upon her serene features, he was made to realize that she had found just what all the people needed to whom he had preached that year.

There is such a thing as an unchristian peace, too. It is the peace of indifference. The peace of a stagnant, green scum-covered pond. Vacillation is not peacemaking. Sometimes the "peace-at-any-price" people really hinder true peace. Patching up things is not true peacemaking, for sometimes this serves only to store up pressure for an even greater explosion of the emotions later on. There was anything but peace in the arrest, trial, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus, but it brought true peace to our souls.

Editorials

Charles W. Conn

Marks of a Successful Life

WHAT ARE THE MARKS of a successful life? The answer to that question quite naturally depends upon our definition of success, for some consider one thing success, while others consider it failure, and esteem something quite different as success. It is needless to say that a worldly man's definition of success is far different to that of a Christian, and that God's opinion of success is even higher than that of any man.

If we desire to be successful as Christians and as ministers, we must pursue those things which constitute Christian success, with resolute disregard for the attitudes and opinions of the world. Worldly people judge success by a false set of standards, and more and more we notice people adopting these standards. Ask almost any man what he considers the marks of success, and he will reply in terms of material possessions and security. How tragically we miss the mark when we judge a person's success by the type of car he drives, by the fabric of his clothes, by the expansiveness of his home, or by the size of his bank account. These are false and superficial criteria of success, and do not deserve to have any part in the Christian estimate. To me it is flagrant insolence to hear a minister's success discussed in terms of a flashy appearance, or the number of suits in his wardrobe, or how often he changes the style and model of his car, or how opulent a home he can maintain. Such standards of success are in rude contrast to the words of Jesus when He warned His disciples to "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15). If these be true criteria of success, then we must acknowledge that gamblers, thieves, renegades, atheists, and all sorts of evil men have attained greater success in life than most Christians have.

Furthermore, if we adopt this standard by which to measure success, we must without further ado declare that John Bunyan was an abject failure, George Fox was a failure, our own pioneer preachers were all failures, St. Francis of Assisi was a great failure, the apostle Peter was a worse failure, and Jesus Christ was the worst failure of all. Don't be led astray in your life to chasing after earthly possessions, feeling that success lies in obtaining them. Worldly possessions indicate nothing more than

good fortune and business acumen—they have no part in spiritual success, and very often serve only to prove that one has not succeeded for God.

Position is no criterion of success—not even position in the church. We must always remember that ecclesiastical success is by no means the same as spiritual success. Many men have climbed to eminence in a church organization, knowing all the while that in their souls they were dismal failures. Position should not be regarded as success, but merely the fruit of success—the effect and not the cause.

If position be a true criterion, then the larger the church the more successful its leader, and the Bishop of Rome, the Pope of the Catholic Church, must be acknowledged as the greatest success of all—and again Christ must be regarded as the greatest failure of all.

Even popularity is a false standard, and we should not regard ourselves successful merely because we have a host of friends. If we esteem popularity to be the mark of success, then we acknowledge that the most obscene and vulgar performer in the theater or on the screen is more successful than the most devout and purest of Christians. No! This is not the mark of success! Neither are any of these things marks of success. They are all too cheap, too superficial, too fickle. Success is deeper and higher and greater than any of these things.

Let no Christian saint and no gospel preacher dejectedly despise himself as a failure because he is not able to maintain a change of clothes for every occasion, and cannot afford the newest and most expensive automobile, and cannot write checks at random. You may be a far greater success than your fellow Christian or your fellow minister who is able to do all these things.

To judge our degree of success, we must measure ours not by the attainments of others, but by the criterion of ourselves. Judge yourself, what you have done by what you could have done. If you have done less than you were capable of doing, you have failed. If you are doing less than that of what you are capable you are failing—regardless of how much you are doing. If one man does little and another man does much, but the man who did little did all that he could and the man who did much did only half as much as he could, then the man who did less is a greater success than the man who did much. Never judge yourself successful simply because you have done more than your fellow man.

The person who is able to lead souls to Christ is a successful person for God. The Christian calling is not to gain wealth, attain position, or claim popularity—it is to win the lost. Let us not, then, console ourselves until we are effective and consistent winners of souls, even though we possess all impostors of success. Don't glory in what you have become in position or what you have gained in wealth or popularity, but what you have done to spread the glory of the Lord in the hearts of men.

Success for the Christian can be determined by how nearly we become like Christ. Neither rank nor wealth nor fame can do this. Only those things which promote your becoming nearer like Christ are steps in successful Christian living. According to the true criteria of success, there will be many surprises in the judgment, for many who have used false standards and adjudged themselves successful will discover themselves to have been miserable failures, while those who have thought themselves failures in life will find themselves the greatest successes of all.



BY ALDA B. HARRISON

A CHRISTIAN ROUND TABLE

WHEN I FINALLY WOKE up one day to the fact that I hardly knew my children, I decided to do something about it! I had been so busy trying to provide for my family that I guess I just forgot all about enjoying them (or letting them "enjoy me," as Mother likes to add).

There are doubtless scores of ways in which this problem of closer contact may be tackled, but our family decided to establish a family round table as a solution.

The idea of a family round table for the discussion of various problems was very easily sold to our youngsters. We explained to them that these discussions would contain topics suggested by them. We held our round table at a set time so as not to conflict with other activities. Mother was most enthusiastic over our round table, claiming that the children's growing problems required my wider and broader experience. She's a diplomat, all right!

For over three years now, the round table has been in operation in our home. The children, even the young ones, take turns in choosing subjects and leading the discussion. All kinds of subjects are brought up; conduct in school under various circumstances, attitudes toward fellow students, participation in community activities, neighborliness and citizenship, personal, moral, and ethical conduct. When the children are threshing out their ideas, Mother and I try not to intrude our ideas except to make sure that the spiritual approach to the various problems is the right one. We find that if the approach is right, the children invariably find the right solution for themselves.

Our round table has paid me real dividends. Not only have I discovered that our children are probably the most wonderful in the world (!), but they seem (also with pardonable pride) to think that Dad has some slants on life worth considering.—H. C. McGinnis.

THE SPIRIT OF THE HOUSE

*It isn't the chairs and the books and the things,
Or the pictures that hang on the walls,
And it isn't the bird, although gayly he sings,
It's the laughter that rings in the halls.
It's the smile on the face of the mother at night,
And the joy in the little one's eyes,*

*And our love for each other with all its delight
That makes up the home that we prize.
The house is just mortar and stone in itself,
And the fireplace like all of its kind;
There isn't a window or door or a shelf
But many just like it you'll find.*

*But the home is endowed with a spirit that's rich,
And the commonest look is aglow
With the love and devotion and tenderness which
Make sacred the home that we know.
There are many who costlier furnishings own,
And many with treasures we miss.
But nowhere for us is such happiness known—
There dwell our contentment and bliss.
And we envy no mortal his station or place,
His home with our home can't compare,
For our house is blessed by an infinite grace
And enriched by the spirit that's there.*

—Selected.

HUSBANDS OF TOMORROW

WHEN I PICK up the paper and read the "Tell It to Hazel" column, my heart becomes heavy, and my thoughts turn to our two little boys, eight and ten years old. Will their future wives have to resort to newspaper advice to solve problems of marital discord? I hope not. My husband and I are trying hard to lay the foundation now for two happy Christian homes. We are trying to instill in our sons habits of responsibility, courtesy, appreciation.

What makes husbands unappreciative? We feel that appreciation is an acquired thing, a habit, and we have made it a rule in our family to praise each other at least once a day. At first this rule was hard to put into practice, for we found that we had fallen into the habit of belittling each other in small ways. Now home is a much happier place because of the compliments that fly back and forth such as, "Nice dinner, Mom," and "Neat looking plane, Billy." We human beings are hungry for praise, yet loathe to bestow it.

Lack of ability to take responsibility is another stumbling block to many marriages. We insist that our youngsters see things through, no matter how tedious or irksome the task may be. We ask them, also, occasionally to give a hand to the other fellow. If they learn to be co-operative now, we feel certain that in later life their wives will not voice such complaints as, "We both work, but my husband won't lift a finger around the house," or "Bob never does a thing to help me with the baby."

Politeness has been defined as "love in little things." We have tried to train our boys to demonstrate this love. It is now second nature for them to open the door for me, seat me at the table, stand up when my friends enter the room, place their dad's paper beside his chair at night. They even speak in a civilized manner to each other, with occasional lapses, of course. We have told them that words are weapons and can wound.

Why do we try to give our children attitudes that make for marital happiness? It is because we feel that marriage requires as careful preparation as a career and is equally important. Our sons are far from perfect, but we

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STAYING ALIVE

By
J. C. Vore

THE PSALMIST DAVID speaks of the SHORTNESS of our natural life at its best and compares it to a fleeting shadow and that it is soon to be cut off. Job says it is full of trouble; the apostle Peter says it is like grass; James says it passeth as a vapor. The flowers which come forth in the springtime are beautiful and send forth their pleasing fragrance for a while, but the inevitable change in seasons cuts them short, and we enjoy them no more. So is life.

Our cemeteries reveal the fact that mankind dies at all ages, many of whom might have, no doubt, lived longer and been permitted to enjoy the good things of life if they had only taken better care of their mortal bodies. There are almost countless ways in which we may weaken our bodies and thereby invite an early death. The nefarious liquor traffic has always been an outstanding curse to mankind and today rates as number one in causing highway deaths. As a graduated killer for body and soul, it has no equal on earth today. It has always been headquarters and a hiding place for organized crime. Who can deny that tobacco, with all of its poisonous byproducts, is killing many today at an early age? Physiology teaches that all condiments or spurs, such as highly seasoned lunch meats, pickles, and spices, are wholly unfit for human consumption, and that is easy to believe.

It will surely be to our bodily advantage to avoid eating the wrong foods. But that alone will not insure health, strength, and a long life.

The highest priced automobile that ever rolled off an assembly line will be totally unable to carry a load down the highway or over the hill unless it be supplied with the necessary fuel that will produce the needed heat and power for its proper performance. And don't forget, the "spark" is the most needful of all, for without it you will be able to travel only downhill. So it is with the human body. It will need to be supplied with a reasonable amount of plain, wholesome food, pure water, sunshine, rest, and exercise (the best of which is just plain old-fashioned work).

Under normal conditions, such a sensible and simple formula will provide us with a clean, healthy body that will be an acceptable temple for the indwelling of the Holy Ghost. 1 Corinthians 6:19.

CHILDREN ARE BORN in possession of a living spark of life which needs to be nurtured, if it is to live and grow strong. It is the exact same in the spiritual birth.

That heaven-sent spark which takes possession of our souls when God so mercifully forgives our sins, must be kept alive by our daily contact with Him who sent it to make us a new creature in Him.

It is extremely necessary that our newly washed soul

be kept clean, healthy, and strong, that we may be able to resist every temptation Satan will surely send our way, and to stand against the wiles of him who constantly waits and lays all manner of traps for our feet.

The newborn babe must have food or die, and so must the man who has given his heart to God continue to walk with Him and eat at His table.

Spiritual food will not be found at the race track, the pool table, or the movie. Neither can you locate it in a packet of cigarettes. Time wasted at social card games could be used to visit the sick and help many to look more like the children of God they pretend to be. God, in His infinite mercy and wisdom, has provided a superabundance of real soul food. No matter how much you feast upon it, or how much you gather unto yourself, it will never become stale or spoil on your hands.

The greatest command ever given by God to man is to pray. If it took prayer on our part to find peace with God, it most assuredly will take more of the very same to keep our soul on fire, keep us alive, on our feet, and going forward with sweet victory in our souls. That is our Heaven-bought privilege, and anything short of it will surely not please the God who gave His Son that we might live a victorious life in Him. God must have guided the pen that wrote the blessed old hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Above all the things that Satan hates is our conversation with our Maker, for it is a weapon that will always keep him at bay. The greatest blessings that ever fell from heaven on this old careworn soul and body of mine came when I was on my knees before Him with both hands up to heaven and little rivers of hot tears flowing down my face, tears for which no man need be ashamed. Praise God for the hour of prayer.

There is positively no substitute for prayer. Satan well knows if he can rob you of your habit of prayer and keep your hands so full of worldly cares that you will neglect to pray, you will soon backslide and be on his territory once again. Don't let him. Continue to approach heaven's door with a fervent, unselfish prayer, and you will find that it is not yet closed to the cries of His children. In prayer, a royal welcome awaits all who will enter and sit at Father's table—a table always spread with the choicest of blessings. Everyone will need to read, believe, and obey the blessed Word of God that our race may not be run in vain.

There is a destiny that makes us brothers;
None goes his way alone.
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own.

—Edwin Markham

PERHAPS THE ARGUMENT which carries most weight with people rejecting the inspiration of the Bible is the contention that there are a number of discrepancies, or contradictory statements, in the Scriptures, which make it impossible to believe the whole Book from beginning to end is of divine origin.

At any rate, this is the popular method of attempting to discredit the supernatural character of the Bible; namely, to maintain that it often disagrees with itself and hence cannot claim absolute reliability.

It will have to be admitted that if the Scriptures do contain actual discrepancies, they have not in every part been given by divine inspiration. To make contradictory statements means to err, to blunder. A book that contains errors, or blunders, cannot in its entirety come from the great, the all-wise, the perfect God. On this score there need not be any debate between the friends and the foes of the inspiration of the Bible.

But the great question is: Is it true that our Book is marred by such contradictory accounts and declarations? It is easy to raise the charge; it is quite another matter to prove it. Let us examine in detail a few so-called contradictions . . .

HOW LONG WAS JESUS IN THE GRAVE?

It has been held that there is a discrepancy between the prediction of Jesus as given in Matthew 12:40 that He would be in the sepulcher three days and three nights and the account of His death and resurrection, according to which He was put to death on a Friday afternoon and raised from the dead on the following Sunday morning.

If we compute the time in which the body of our Lord lay in the grave, we have a few hours remaining of Friday, which ended at sunset on the day of crucifixion, then the night and the day which constituted Saturday, or the Sabbath, and finally that part of Sunday which lay between sunset on Saturday and the resurrection on Sunday morning; in other words, Jesus was in the grave a part of a day, a whole day of twenty-four hours, and again a part of a day.

It must be remembered that the Jews began their day at sunset. Now does not the resurrection account plainly contradict the prophecy of Jesus, stating that He would be in the grave three days and three nights?

The question evidently turns upon the expression "three days and three nights." If that expression cannot have any other meaning than three times twenty-four hours, then we are confronted with a real difficulty. But, is this the case? We may confidently say it is not.

With the Jews one day and one night was simply a current expression for designating a day, and they would use this expression even when only a part of a day was referred to. This is evident from 1 Samuel 30:12, where we are told of an Amalekite that he had not eaten or drunk anything three days and three nights, while the following verse indicates that the day when he was found was the third day of his being sick and left behind by his master.

It is for this reason that Jesus says to His disciples: "The Son of man will rise again after three days," Mark 8:31, and: "He will be raised again on the third day," Matthew 16:21.

The terms "after three days" and "on the third day" were used synonymously, part of a day being reckoned as a whole day. Only people who entirely ignore this idiomatic usage in the speech of the Jews can maintain that a discrepancy exists between the passages examined.

Does the Contradict

By
William Arndt

PURCHASE OF POTTER'S FIELD

Matthew 27:3: "Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders."

Acts 1:18: "Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out."

Is not here a disagreement between the account of Matthew and the words of Peter quoted by Luke, the former saying that Judas returned the thirty pieces of silver paid him for the betrayal of Jesus and that the Jewish leaders purchased a field with this sum of money, the latter stating that Judas himself bought a field with the reward of iniquity?

If we turn to the Greek text of Acts 1:18, we find that a more accurate rendering of the original would be: "This man (Judas) obtained (or acquired) a piece of property with the reward of iniquity."

What the money of Judas did is here ascribed to Judas himself. This is a figure of speech with which we are all familiar and which we ourselves frequently employ.

A man, Mr. X., bequeaths a large sum of money to a city, leaving it to the officials to decide how the money is to be invested. The magistrates use it for the purchase of a park. What would be more natural than to say, "Mr. X. procured that park," not for himself, of course, but for the city.

Hence the language employed by Peter in his speech is not contradicting the account of Matthew, but merely relating the incident in vivid fashion.

MANNER OF DEATH OF JUDAS

Matthew 27:5: "And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself."

Acts 1:18: "Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out."

People have been perturbed at finding that apparently the Gospel according to St. Matthew describes the manner in which Judas Iscariot committed suicide differently from the Book of Acts.

Matthew says that Judas hanged himself; Peter, in the

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speech reported in Acts 1, says that Judas fell headlong and was crushed by the impact. The two statements made about the death of Judas are different. But is there a discrepancy here?

Does Matthew say that Judas did not fall? Does Peter say that Judas did not hang himself? The reader will immediately see that here we have no case where yes is opposed to no. This is simply another instance where both versions are true, one supplementing the other.

Haley says: "Probably the circumstances were much as follows: Judas suspended himself from a tree on the brink of a precipice overhanging the Valley of Hinnom. The limb or the rope giving way, he fell and was mangled as described in Acts."

Whether this explanation commends itself to us in all particulars or not, it is at least perfectly clear that the two accounts of the death of Judas need not be contradictory.

A friend drew my attention to an item in the "Day by Day in New York" column of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, written by O. O. McIntyre. In February, 1925, this writer said: "Fifteen newspaper reporters saw a woman fall from a window at a big fire. Each is trained and reliable, yet not one gave the same account as to how it happened. Psychologists might explain it."

This simply corroborates that one and the same event may be described differently by different writers without prejudice to the truth, each one describing it from a particular point of view.

DID BOTH MALEFACTORS REVILE JESUS?

Matthew 27:44: "The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth."

Mark 15:32: "And they that were crucified with him reviled him."

Luke 23:39, 40: "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?"

The difficulty which confronts us here is readily solved. There are even two possibilities of harmonizing the two statements.

Matthew and Mark say that the thieves who were crucified with Jesus blasphemed Him. They did not say that the criminals continued in this attitude toward the Lord to the very end.

We may well assume that the thief on the right, after seeing the patience with which Jesus bore His suffering and hearing the words of love, imploring God to forgive those who were causing His torments, repented of his initial blasphemous utterances and spoke the words of re-

buke reported in Luke 23.

We, then, would have another case where one account supplements the other, Matthew relating that at first both malefactors crucified with Jesus joined in the maledictions and blasphemies hurled at Him by the populace, and Luke reporting that one of the thieves after a while experienced a change of heart and became a worshiper of Jesus. If we adopt this view of the situation, every vestige of a discrepancy disappears.

THE HOUR OF CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION

IT HAS OFTEN BEEN charged that Mark and John are in disagreement as to the time when Jesus was crucified. In Mark 15:25 we read: "And it was the third hour, and they crucified him."

John reports, chapter 19:14, that when Jesus was standing before Pilate, as the latter had sat down in his judgment seat, in the place called Gabbatha, after ineffectual attempts to procure the Jews' consent for the dismissal of Jesus, "It was the preparation of the pass-over, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!"

There is an undeniable difficulty here. Mark's account states that the crucifixion took place in the third hour, which according to the Jewish way of reckoning the time of day would be nine o'clock in the morning. And John seems to say that about the sixth hour, that is, at noon, Jesus was still before Pontius Pilate.

It has been assumed that an early scribe made a mistake when copying John's Gospel and wrote the sign of six instead of that for three or two, an error which subsequent scribes perpetuated. This is possible. Another explanation fastens on the word "about" in John's statement.

It was "about" the sixth hour. John himself indicates that he is not stating the hour exactly, but merely approximately. The language permits us to assume that the scene he is describing in chapter 19:13, 14 took place before twelve o'clock.

On the other hand, the words of Mark do not necessarily imply that it was exactly at nine o'clock when our Lord was nailed to the cross. Bible readers know that in the age when the New Testament was written the night was divided into four watches of three hours each; see especially Mark 13:35. It seems that this method of reckoning time was used to some extent for the day, too. At least, the hours mentioned most frequently in the Gospels and the Acts are the third, the sixth, and the ninth.

We can well conceive, then, of a usage which would assign events that happen between the third and the sixth hour simply to the third hour. "At the third hour" would be equivalent to saying "In the latter part of the forenoon."

Mark's and John's statements can readily be brought into agreement if we understand Mark to say that Jesus was crucified after 9 a.m., and John, that the trial was concluded before 12 m.

The Expositor's Greek New Testament says, commenting on John 19:14: "If the crucifixion took place midway between nine and twelve o'clock, it was quite natural that one observer should refer it to the former, while another referred it to the latter hour. The height of the sun in the sky was the index of the time of the day; while it was easy to know whether it was before or after midday, or whether the sun was more or less than half-

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"I am crucified with Christ: Nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me," Galatians 2:20.

FROM THE WORDS OF PAUL the apostle we learn this secret: "The world is crucified unto me and I unto the world." Paul recognized that a life lived for God must be separated from the world and its pleasures unto a life that is crucified for God. A Christ-like life must be lived before the world in such a manner that the world will say, "Christ is not dead, for He lives in the lives of His followers."

The world needs men today who will bear in their bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus. Oh, for men who will separate themselves from the multitudes and sit at the feet of Jesus to learn of Him, to have His heart beat with theirs, to have the same compassionate attitude He had in dealing with every helpless soul that came before Him. It was the will of the Father that Christ be crucified for the world, and it is the will of the Father that each one of His own be crucified to the world. The world doesn't need more money or great power to conquer. The world is seeking for someone to be kind to them, someone to be understanding, someone to give them an answer to their problems. This will never be found outside of the lowly Nazarene.

Can you picture with me the Son of God as He was apprehended in the garden as a common criminal and brought before the rulers of that day to be tossed back and forth by them like a common ball? See Him as He is stripped and beaten until He hardly resembled a man. He was spit upon, ridiculed, and, seemingly, every disgrace that could be heaped upon a man was heaped upon Him. Finally, in mockery unto God, they took the same thistle God cursed in Genesis and placed it upon the beloved brow of our Saviour. They made out His death warrant of crucifixion and made Him carry the death weapon, the cross. He was then nailed, and He hung between heaven and earth to be seen by all from that day to this as He suffered this ignominious death, He who is the Lord of lords and King of kings, the only begotten of the Father; he who had the heavens at his command. Was there any bitterness in His heart? Was there any sign of anger in His countenance? No! No! In seven agonizing cries He looked upon the multitude with compassionate eyes from a broken heart. He looked down through the ages and saw you and me standing afar off.

KNOWING THE WORLD'S NEED for this same compassion to come forth from the hearts of those "crucified with Christ," He cried in the first of the seven cries: (Luke 23:34).

"FATHER, FORGIVE THEM, FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO."

The crucified life is, first of all, to have the forgiving spirit of Christ.

We have often pictured Peter as hard, stubborn, and fickle, because he reneged his vow to the Lord. But Peter, in his simplicity and teachable spirit, said, "Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?" Jesus answered him, "Until seventy times seven," meaning from now until death.

Are You Crucified

THOMAS BENVEN

How can we have a compassion for souls that are lost if we are not in the place to have compassion for our brother? The first step to a crucified life is to have a forgiving and forgetting spirit. This is divinely illustrated in the beatitudes. When you are struck on one cheek, turn to the other. When you are spoken of evilly and persecuted unmercifully and wrongfully, remember that great is your reward in heaven.

Can you cry with compassion as you look over the countless millions who are being tossed to and fro in the world by the "prince of the power of the air"? The world is longing for those who will look over their past mistakes and sin as a ship leaving port never to be seen again as it disappears over the horizon, and then to point them to the Saviour who is able to save them even to the uttermost.

THE LORD'S SECOND CRY from the cross was, "FATHER, INTO THY HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT," Luke 23:46.

This is the submissive and consecrated Christ, a complete consecration to God!

John the Baptist was born to be the voice of God crying in the wilderness, "Repent ye for the kingdom of God is at hand." He came forth, and the blessings of God cascaded upon him. Yet, he lost his head for the Gospel's sake.

In the life of Christ we find that the heavens opened to him and the Spirit of God descended upon him. The Father looked over the banister of heaven and said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Immediately Christ was driven into the wilderness.

Job also dutifully sacrificed unto God for himself and his family, and God was well pleased. Suddenly, without warning, he, too, was cast into a wilderness experience. I pity this time in the life of Job. If anyone needed friends and encouragement, Job did. He was stripped of all his family, worldly goods, and all his power with one stroke. His wife turned against him. His friends became his enemies. He was stricken with boils from the top of his head to the soles of his feet. All that he had was an ash pile for a bed and a potsherd for comfort. He was alone, stripped of all, naked, humiliated, forsaken, it seemed. How I would have liked to be there when Job, as he looked around and saw his condition, stood majestically before his generation and spoke words that have lived and brought victory, "For I know that my Redeemer liveth."

ified With Christ?

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When the heavens are opened to you in your consecration and vows, God is pleased. Immediately the enemy will try to cast you into a wilderness experience and try to turn you away from your promises to God. He will try to take your life from the altar of sacrifice and thwart every move you make for God. In the crucified way, we must live a life of submission to God. It is only through being humble to the molding hands of the Father that our consecration will begin to bloom like a rose in the desert, to be an oasis in the middle of the burning sands, and be a blessing amid a sinful and unregenerate world.

WE HEAR JESUS saying in His third cry from the cross, "WOMAN, BEHOLD THY SON; SON, BEHOLD THY MOTHER,"—John 19:26, 27.

Christ of the home! Christ-centered homes are the dire need of the world today. Christ-loving mothers is the cry of many a wayward child. True, the father is the head of the family, but the mother is the leader of the home. She is the rallying point. To whom do the young ones run in the time of need? To whom do they cry in the time of pain and fear? Whom do they embrace and to whom do they make love? It is the mother.

Christ should be exemplified and magnified in the home. This is the seat of the growth of the Church. This is the seat for the growth of a Christian nation. What a difference there would have been in many lives who are now incarcerated in institutions over the land, if only the tender affectionate love of the heads of the family had exemplified Christ.

Little did the mother of Moses know that she had brought forth one of the greatest prophets of the Old Testament. Little did Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, realize that she would bring forth such a great man.

The home needs crucified parents to teach a life of purity and abstinence from sin. In the revival of the family altar our children need to be taught to pray. They need to know the value of a clean and wholesome life that is found only in Christ. Will you be able to look back in your old age and say, "I have reared my family for the glory of God?"

IN THE FOURTH CRY from the cross we see the suffering Christ. "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?" Mark 15:34.

What a difference in the life of Paul after the Damascus vision, where he saw the glorious light of Christ revealed

to him! What wonderful revelations were given to this great man! What a glorious work he did for God! Now look at Paul at the end of his journey as he is buried deep in the Roman dungeon. He was cold and asked Timothy to bring his cloak before winter. He had been hungry when he thanked the Philippian church for their goodness. He was sick when he wrote to the Corinthian church. The light had grown very dim to this great man who was one of the greatest apostles. Every door closed. There he sat in the deep stygian darkness, hidden from the glorious light he had seen. Here, buried deep, as deep as human hands can bury, Paul completed his greatest work. God had to take Paul out of the sunshine of his work occasionally that there, supposedly under his greatest trials, he might complete the Epistles that still live in the Word of God today.

John Bunyan accomplished his greatest work, "Pilgrim's Progress," in the Bedford jail. "Streams in the Desert," a book that has consoled millions, was published out of the sorrow of the death of Charles E. Cowman. Remember, Christ laid His priestly robes aside and came from glory to be made lower than the angels. He humbled himself as a man, and in His death His life blossomed forth and still lives. As Christ became the scapegoat, He cried unto the Father. God was His center, His pleasure. Nothing else made any difference. The noon-day sun began to lose its luster, and the creeping talons of twilight began to wend their way, finally to lose their light in the stygian darkness that crept around the Saviour. But, as darkness came on, the glorious light of heaven began to fill the earth with this divine life.

IN THE FIFTH CRY from the cross we only hear **THE MYSTERIOUS UTTERANCE OF HIS SOUL'S AGONY.** Matthew 27:50. This is the interceding Christ.

Go back with me once again to the tender and compassionate Christ on the cross. Before Him were greedy and hateful men who were taunting and flaunting Him to His face. Here at a time when a word of encouragement would have found a rightful place, there was none. Can you see the Christ as He turned and looked tenderly at those before Him? Then He tenderly turned to the repentive one on the cross beside Him and said, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Lastly, He turned His eyes to heaven, praying, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," and, suddenly, He began to pray out of Himself. The Holy Spirit began to make intercession for the ungodly. The Holy Spirit derived the agony of the soul and began speaking to the Father with groanings that cannot be uttered.

God is looking for those who will get out of themselves and into the crucified way to see the great possibilities that are at their command. Holy Ghost men are needed who will look from the puny to the sublime; men who will look from the earthly impossible to the celestial assurance; men to realize that the Holy walk beckons the power of God in their lives. Pillars are needed. Those who will travail in interceding prayer is the cry of lost souls; those who will pray until the convicting power of the Holy Spirit will begin to blow upon the garden of men's hearts, and pray until the Shekinah glory will begin to be manifest in our midst. Churches are seeking this. Altars are groaning for the interceding, agonizing

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HUSBANDS OF TOMORROW

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do feel that we have succeeded in weeding out some traits which, if left uncurbed, might lead to the divorce courts twenty or thirty years from now. We hope that careful training at home and at church will result in the sort of marriages which seem made in heaven, but which really grow from the daily practice of the Golden Rule.

Now and then my husband and I confess to a nagging little fear. Are there parents somewhere trying just as hard to train two small potential wives?—From *Mother's Golden Now*.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

By Ruth Margaret Gibbs

*I thank Thee, Lord, since little hands will hide
Forbidden things and restless feet will stray,
That I can point them to Thy truth and guide
Along a living way.*

*I thank Thee, too, since wounds are sure to be,
That I can bind them gently, dry the tears,
And, whispering comfort, tell with certainty
Their heavenly Father hears.*

*And oh, I thank Thee, Lord, since hours are of
So swift a weave, that there is still today—
And I have time to tell them of Thy love
And time to hear them pray.*

DOES THE BIBLE CONTRADICT ITSELF?

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way between the zenith and the horizon, finer distinctions of time were not recognized without consulting the sundials, which were not everywhere at hand."

But, in addition, another solution must be presented, a solution which is adopted by many distinguished scholars and in our country is ably championed by Professor A. T. Robertson (cf. the Broadus-Robertson, *Harmony of the Gospels*).

The latter writes: "The most satisfactory solution of the difficulty is to be found in the idea that John here uses the Roman computation of time, from midnight to noon and noon to midnight, just as we do now. Hence the sixth hour would be our six o'clock in the morning.

"If this hour was the beginning of the last trial of Jesus, we then have enough, but not too much, time for the completion of the trial, the carrying away of Jesus outside the city walls, together with the procuring of the crosses, etc. All the events, moreover, narrated by the evangelists could have occurred between dawn (John 18:27) and six or seven.

"For a long time it was doubted whether the Romans ever used this method of computing time for civil days. Farrar vehemently opposes this idea. But Plutarch, Pliny, Aulus Gellius, and Macrobius expressly say that the Roman civil day was reckoned from midnight to midnight.

"So the question of fact may be considered as settled. The only remaining question is whether John used this mode of reckoning. Of course, the Romans had also the natural day and the natural night just as we do now. In favor of the idea that John uses the Roman way of counting the hours in the civil day several things may be said."

The main proof which Robertson presents for the view that John used the same method of reckoning time

as we do he finds in John 20:19, where the evening of the Sunday on which Jesus arose from the dead is still considered a part of that glorious day, while the Jewish method of reckoning would have called this evening the first part of the second day of the week, since the Jews, as is well known, always began the new day at sunset.

Robertson, it must be admitted, makes out a very strong case for his view. If we adopt the interpretation of John 19:14 which this scholar puts before us so convincingly, the two passages are in complete harmony.

It does not seem necessary to say much in conclusion. The author hopes that what has been presented will tend to confirm the reader in the conviction that our Bible is a divine Book and that the Jesus whom it preaches is truly our Saviour.—*The Defender*.

ARE YOU CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST?

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prayers of those crucified with Christ.

IN THE SIXTH CRY we get a vision of the saving Christ who first drank from the wells of living waters. He cried from the cross, "I THIRST," John 19:28.

This same Christ who was God manifest in the flesh was the same who made the sea and the dry land, and meted out the oceans in the hollow of His hand. He formed the streams and fountains, and all the wells and waterbrooks, and the rivers that run among the hills. At a command with His power the bitter waters of Marrah were changed into sweet, refreshing waters. With a prayer, water issued from the rock. With a voice, the wilderness turned into an Elim of twelve wells of water and palm trees to shade from the burning sun. In the draught of Elijah's rule, faith looked up, and he turned on the faucets of heaven, and the rains came.

Christ cried for the Father to divert the River of Life that from Golgotha's Hill would flow rivers of living water. Christ drank in the beauty of salvation in all of its sublime purity, and in turn, out of His riven side, began to flow the River of Life.

Drink! Oh, drink, thirsty pilgrim! Drink in these pure, living, lifting, and lasting waters; Waters that will gladden the heart; Waters that will satiate and fill every part of your being; waters to heal the broken, feverish and sick body; waters that will make the desert bloom like a rose and make your cross blossom into a tree of life. Can you see the fruits of love, joy, peace, long-sufferings, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance begin to crop out? These fruits of the Spirit will be manifest in the crucified one who will cry, "I thirst that I may bring forth these fruits of righteousness and holiness unto God."

THE SEVENTH, CLIMATIC CRY from the tortured lips of the loving Saviour was a cry of victory—"IT IS FINISHED!" John 19:30.

What is finished? In Genesis, God, the perfect example, made the heavens and the earth and finished them. Could they have been more perfect? When God formed man from the dust of the earth He made a perfect man. Could He have been designed any better? When God spoke to Noah of a plan for a life pleasing to him, Noah tolled and labored for a hundred and twenty years to finish the ark and to ride the crest of the turbulent waves of sin shouting a song of victory. Look at the plan for the tabernacle in Exodus. In its sacrifice of pain and

tears, we read, "All the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation was finished, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle." In the book of 1 Kings, Solomon toiled in like manner "and built the house of the Lord and finished it." God sanctioned it and hallowed it and promised "that his eyes and his heart should be there perpetually." In the book of Ezra, the elders of the Jews rebuilt the house of the Lord and finished it.

Look at the life of Christ. It was a life of toil and labor, a life of poverty and want, a life of weariness and temptation, of grief and pain. Yet, His was a life of love and compassion, a life of sacrifice and holiness. His life brought joy to the sorrowful, peace to the turbulent, love to the hateful, mercy to the beaten and forsaken, kindness to the needy. He brought a life and pattern that opened up the way that the glory of God would fill the earth with His love.

After this life is over can you utter this last memorable cry with a victorious ring, "Lord, it is finished"; "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness?"

From these cries rest seven important factors for a crucified life. It is the willing and the submissive, the broken and contrite who will travel the path of sorrows for a crucified life. Yes, there may be sorrow; there may be times of extreme load, but remember, this same Jesus traveled the way before us, and He is always on the heavy end of the load.

MY CALVARY

*I came alone to my Calvary,
But the load I bore was too great for me.
My temples throbbed with the withering heat,
And the stones were sharp that pierced my feet.*

*My heart was faint with the toil of the day,
Could there be for me an easier way?
There loomed before me a tortuous trail—
If I tried to climb I would only fail.*

*I turned back in sorrow, clothed with defeat,
My load was too heavy; I would retreat
To easier highways, to scen'ry fair—
Yet a moment I lingered, watching there.*

*As I held my gaze on that flinty side
A Man came up to be crucified;
He toiled all the way of that painful road,
And the cross He bore far surpassed my load.*

*His brow with thorns was pierced and torn;
His face had a look of pain, and was worn.
He stopped for a moment and looked on me—
And I followed in rapture to Calvary.*

Matthew Biller

WASHINGTON'S ATTITUDE ON SWEARING

George Washington was deeply pained by the swearing of his soldiers. In an order he said, "The General is sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of swearing is growing. He hopes the officers will check it, and that both they and the men will reflect that we can have little hope of the blessing of Heaven on our arms if we insult it by such folly. Every man of sense detests and despises it."—Sel.

PREACHER AND PRAYER

By R. A. Torrey

The very first sermon I preached as pastor of Moody Church, Chicago, was on "Prayer." As I drew my address to a close I said something like this: "Beloved brethren, how glad it would make your new pastor if he knew that some of you people sat up late every Saturday night and rose early every Sunday morning to pray for their minister." Those honest souls took me at my word. They sat up late on Saturday nights and they rose early on Sunday mornings to pray for their minister. What was the result? When I took the pastorate the church—which seats about 2,200 in comfort—was never filled above the floor of the building; the galleries were never opened. But God heard prayer, and in a few weeks the place was packed.

But that was not the best of it. The power of God fell. And from that day till I left America there was never a single Sabbath without conversions. I don't believe that there has been a single day in the whole of the ten years that have since passed without somebody being converted in or about that building. You say: "That must have been remarkable preaching." Not at all. I was away five months in almost every year, but the work went on. And what God did for that church He can do for yours.

ODD

There was a company of ladies at a minister's home. As he entered the room, he heard them speaking in low voices of an absent friend.

"She's very odd," said one.

"Yes, very singular indeed," said another.

"Do you know, she often does so and so," said another, mentioning certain things to her discredit.

The minister asked who it was. When told, he said, "Oh, yes, she is odd; she's remarkably singular. Why, would you believe it," he added in a low voice, "she was never heard to speak ill of any absent friend!"

—Sunday School Times

When we spend as much on missionaries as we spend on brave Marines; when you and I give as much for brotherhood as for battleships; when we spend as much on Bibles as on bombs; when we are as alive to spread the gospel of Christ as the Communist is to spread his cause; when we put first things first, then God will relieve us of this burden, and we shall be on our way.

—Louis H. Evans in THE KINGDOM IS YOURS (Revell)

REVIVALS

SYLVANIA, Ga.—We recently had a Holy Ghost revival in which the Lord blessed in a marvelous way. Twenty-two were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Rev. Bob Cole was the evangelist. We certainly thank God for what He has done for us.—Paul Owens, Clerk.

STRAWN, Texas—The Danley Evangelistic Party conducted a meeting here recently. The church enjoyed the blessings of God. The Methodist Church closed its services Sunday night to be with us the last night of the revival. The Danley Trio thrilled the congregation nightly with their singing.—Reporter.

FORT WORTH, Texas—The Riverside Church of God enjoyed a blessed revival recently. Rev. R. P. Danley and his party, of Indiana, were the evangelists. The music of the Danley Trio was enjoyed very much. The presence of the Spirit was felt in every service, and many were blessed. Several testified to the healing of their bodies. Rev. J. T. Gillearn, the pastor, is doing a splendid work. The Sunday School shows a marked increase and the spiritual tide is running high.—Reporter.

BRECKENRIDGE, Texas—A great revival has just come to a close here. Ulcers, heart trouble, and palsy were all healed by the precious Son of God. The crowds were the best ever, and many were spiritually blessed. Rev. R. P. Danley and Party, of Indiana, were the evangelists. The special singing of the Danley Trio thrilled the congregation nightly. J. K. Anderson, the pastor was thrilled with the blessings and results of the revival.—J. K. Anderson.

CONSUL, SASK., Canada—We have just had a wonderful Holy Ghost revival here in Consul, Sask., with evangelist Mary M. Wilson. God blessed with many wonderful experiences. Five were sanctified, 12 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church. The meeting closed with the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet. We praise God for this glorious revival. Eight testified to healing of afflictions and sicknesses.—Charles Evans, Pastor.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The East Louisville Church of God has recently en-

joyed a great revival through the ministry of Rev. Lee L. Mansfield. The power of God was manifested in a mighty way as people were set free from sin and sickness. One of the outstanding things about this meeting was the large number of definite healings. The ministry of Brother Mansfield is appreciated by the pastor and people of the East Louisville Church, and our prayers will follow him in his work.—J. David Pitts, Pastor.

CONEHATTA, Miss.—A great revival has just come to a close at Reid's

Chapel Church of God, with Sister Thelmer Bently as the evangelist. Truly we can say this was the greatest revival the church has ever had. The mighty power of God was manifested in every service, and many were healed. There were 336 saved, 152 sanctified, 90 filled with the Holy Ghost, 24 added to the church, and 17 baptized in water. Truly God has done great things for us. Whereof we are glad.—Flozell Reid, Reporter.

BESSEMER CITY, N. C.—We are so happy to tell of the great way God blessed our church in a revival from May 24 through June 14. God granted us the privilege of having Rev. C. O. Carter, of Concord, N. C., to conduct this revival. God graciously showered us with a mighty outpouring of His power and blessings. Each night conviction seized many hearts, and the altar was filled. There were 30 saved, 20 sanctified, 13 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 6 added to the church. We are thanking God for the souls that prayed through. Many received deliverance from sickness and habits. We truly praise God for His great healing virtue that was felt all over the congregation. We appreciate our pastor, Brother Floyd A. Boger, and the evan-

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MOORESVILLE, N. C.—The Sherrill Town Church of God has recently enjoyed a 2 weeks' revival which was the greatest in the history of the church. The evangelist was Rev. James Hamilton, of Chokoloskee, Fla., and his messages were a great blessing to all. Sister Hamilton's singing also blessed many hearts. There were 28 saved, 21 sanctified, 16 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 7 baptized in water, and 7 added to the church, with others plan-

ning to join later.

When Brother E. W. Hollifield, our pastor, came to the church after the Assembly, there were 26 members and an average of 40 in attendance in Sunday School. Now there are 39 members. The above picture was taken on Sunday morning, with an attendance in Sunday School of 98. We praise the Lord for His blessings.—Reporter.

In Memoriam

YOCUM

Mr. William Chappel Yocum was born July 23, 1887, in Hope, Arkansas, and died May 17, 1953, Tucumcari, New Mexico. Mr. Yocum was married to Mrs. Elsie Ethel Yocum July 28, 1907, and twelve children were born to them. Seven are now living. Sister Yocum has been a faithful member of the Church of God, at Tucumcari, N. M., for several years. She and the children did all they could for the recovery of Mr. Yocum. We feel that he made peace with the Lord before he died. Prayer was made for him many times. He would pray and weep but he seemed to think he was too mean for God to save him. While in the hospital some of the men with him said, "If any one goes to Heaven Mr. Yocum will." Statements he made to the family also gave them hope.—John H. More, Pastor.

BANKS

Minnie Pearl Banks, age 9, went to be with Jesus Feb. 13, 1953. She was killed by a hit-and-run driver. She loved the Church of God and was a faithful member of the children's church. She missed very few Sundays during her short life. She was loved by many, and her smile we appreciated. She is survived by her mother, stepfather, 2 sisters, and 2 brothers. Her funeral was conducted in the Church of God by her pastor, Rev. C. A. Drymon. We miss her very much, but we know our loss is heaven's gain.—Her Mother, Mrs. Susie Green.

CHEEK

Sister Sarah E. Cheek, 80 years old, went to be with the Lord on April 16, 1953, in Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Sister Cheek was a very faithful worker in the Church of God for several years. She was the mother-in-law and mother of Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Smeltzer, of Paducah, Ky. Besides several children, she is survived by 30 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Sister Cheek was loved by everyone who met her.—Charlotte Smeltzer, Granddaughter.

ATKINS

L. A. Atkins, a licensed minister of the Church of God, died June 22, 1953.

NEWTON

Cleona White Newton was born May 22, 1898, and departed this life May 23, 8:45 p.m., at the age of 55. She had been a member of the Church of God for 30 years and lived a consecrated Christian life until death. She was a true and faithful member and made many sacrifices to see her church grow and prosper. She stood by her husband in the ministry for 23 years, feeling called to do altar work and wait on God's servants. She is survived by her husband, Rev. John Newton, of Corbin, Ky., 3 brothers, several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends to mourn her passing.

HASS

On April 15, 1953, the angel of death visited the home of Mrs. J. A. Hass and took her beloved husband, Rev. J. A. Hass. Brother Hass was born May 28, 1882, and if he had lived a few more days would have been 71 years old. For many years he lived a deeply consecrated life and was faithful to his calling until death. He was a charter member of the Church of God in Kannapolis, N. C., and was the first ordained deacon in the local church. Having received his baptism in the infancy of the church, he was very firm in his Christian belief. Never would he compromise on any doctrinal point which was so rooted in his heart from the very beginning of his Christian warfare.

Early in his Christian life God called him into the ministry and he was soon afterwards ordained as an evangelist. During his ministry, he built 2 churches—one in Huntersville, N. C., and one in Poplar Springs, N. C. He pastored both of these and also one in Concord, N. C. All during his work he labored and paid his own way, traveling many miles to and from his appointments. He seemed never to tire of his calling but was constantly going for the Master. After retiring from pastoral work, he was kept busy holding prayer meetings, teaching Sunday School and doing what he could to win the lost for Jesus. The day before his death, he visited one of the churches which he had built and was greatly blessed of God. Just before he died he shouted and praised God. He loved the Church and served it faithfully to the end.

Brother Hass leaves to mourn his departure his faithful wife, one foster son, Edward Chapman, and a multitude of friends who will greatly miss him. Like Paul, he finished his course, kept the faith, and a crown of righteousness awaits him. Certainly our loss here on earth is heaven's gain, and we weep not as though we have no hope, but look forward with a greater hope to that glad day when we, too, can join our dear Brother Hass in that city whose Builder and Ruler is God.—A friend to the family, Elvis Chandler.

VARNER

Alva Eliore Varner passed away June 11, 1953, at the age of 66. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Cross Keys, Pa., for the past 18 years. She departed this life as she lived in it, in the hope and faith of Christ. Officiating at the funeral was her pastor, the Rev. J. K. Morgan, assisted by Rev. James W. Mottinglearn. The friends and relatives' loss has been heaven's gain.—J. K. Morgan.

BURROUGHS

Vera May Burroughs passed away May 28 at the age of 47. She was a member of the Hozé Chapel Church since May, 1947. She was a faithful member until 2 years ago when she became ill. Sister Burroughs is survived by her husband Mr. Eugene Burroughs, 4 sons, and 4 daughters. Her funeral was held at the Hozé Chapel Church by her pastor Rev. L. L. Dally.—R. G. Anderson, Clerk.

NOTICES

I have a son stationed at Camp Pickett, Virginia. He is a member of the Church of God in Chandler, Arizona, where Brother Murray is pastor. I should like for some minister near Camp Pickett, Virginia, to contact my son, if possible. His address is Pvt. Raymond Sloan, US 56209746, R & P Co., M.R.T.C., Camp Pickett, Va.—L. L. Sloan, Rt. 1, Higley, Arizona.

REVIVALS

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gelist, Brother Carter.—W. H. Wilson, Clerk.

GREENEVILLE, Tenn.—We have recently had a 2 weeks' revival conducted by Rev. Tom Hare. Nine were saved, 3 sanctified, 3 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to the church. We appreciate our pastor and the evangelist.—Vido King, Clerk.

LEBANON, Tenn.—We have just closed a 3 weeks' revival, with Rev. Johnnie Yates as the evangelist. There were 38 saved, 38 sanctified, 32 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 18 baptized in water, 15 added to the church, and many were healed. The Sunday School record was broken during this revival. We appreciate our pastor, Rev. Walter L. Sellars.—Riley L. Cox, Reporter.

THE WINNERS

Another great contest has come to a close, with five happy winners. It is, indeed, a real pleasure to present to you these five winners, who worked very hard in their respective states. The winners are as follows:

First prize—West Virginia, Rev. G. W. Lane.

Second prize—Florida, Rev. E. L. Simmons.

Third prize—Maryland, Rev. W. C. Byrd.

Fourth prize—Pennsylvania, Rev. C. J. Hindmon.

Fifth prize—Illinois, Rev. Floyd Timmerman.

Each of these overseers, along with their ministers and laity, is to be highly commended for the splendid work and cooperation he gave the Publishing House during this contest.

I believe if the contest was to be repeated, we would receive 5,000 more EVANGEL subscriptions, sell 10,000 more song books, and at least 5,000 more LIGHTED PATHWAYS. But, the contest is over. Let us look forward to next year and start making plans for the next contest, if there is one.

Now, our new fiscal year has begun. May I ask that every pastor in every state get us at least 10 new accounts. Tell the people they can make a purchase with a down payment of one-third and the balance in monthly payments. We should like to have 5,000 new accounts this next year, and I believe we can do it with your cooperation.

The auditors are making the reports up at this time, and it looks like this will be the greatest year in the history of the Publishing House. May the Lord richly bless you is our prayer.

REPORTS

GADSDEN, Ala.—The Church of God at Cranford's Chapel, Gadsden, Alabama, was set in order by Rev. H. D. Williams, state overseer of North Alabama, on February 22, 1953, with a charter membership of 15 members.

The purchase of this church property was made possible by the untiring efforts of our good district pastor, Rev. J. D. McCay, who was able to make the transaction at a great saving to us. We are thankful for men like Brother McCay who are continually working in the interest of the great Church of God.

Rev. W. G. Wiggins, of East Gadsden, Alabama, was appointed to serve as pastor of our church. We are honored to have such an efficient man of God to serve us. He is putting forth every effort to see the church grow and also works hard on a job through the week. We are looking forward in the near future to being able to support him entirely.

A 2 weeks' revival was recently held here, with Rev. E. O. Franks, of the Tabor Church of God, as our evangelist. We praise the Lord for the wonderful messages brought forth each night by Rev. Franks under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. At the close of the revival God gave us an increase of 5 new members. We climaxed these services with an old-fashioned baptizing, with 24 converts of the East Gadsden Church of God, the Piedmont Highway Church and the Cranford's Chapel Church following the Lord in water baptism. Those being baptized in our church were 11. In only 3 months we have doubled our membership. We now have a total of 27. All church records are expected to be broken in the near future.

We are being blessed financially, as well as spiritually. Our payments are being met, with money to spare. The church has raised over \$700 to pay down on the building. The tithes have nearly doubled, also. God's hand is upon us at Cranford's Chapel, so look for great reports from here. Pray for us.—C. H. McCarver, Clerk.

FRUITHURST, Ala.—The Lord is wonderfully blessing at Mt. Olive Church of God. Every department of the church is growing. Our Sunday School record attendance almost triples the membership of the church, and

at the Y.P.E. last Saturday night there were over 100 in attendance.

We thank God for our fine pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Carden. They have been a great inspiration and encouragement to the church.—Horace Ginn, Clerk.

JOPPA, Maryland—I should like to report the forward progress of the Church of God at Joppa, Maryland. The year of 1953 opened with a watch-night service, with feet washing, and how the Lord did bless! People were shouting and singing praises unto God when the new year began.

A short while after this a revival, with evangelist Gilbert Pearson, was started. He preached for us one week. Due to other appointments, he had to leave. During this week 8 were saved and 2 joined the church. The revival continued, with Rev. Bobby Ball, of Cincinnati, Ohio, preaching. It ran for a total of 8 weeks, with 40 saved, a great number filled with the Holy Ghost, and the church on a high spiritual level.

The people at Joppa are going all the way with the Lord. There is a sweet spirit of cooperation and fellowship among us. There is no limit to the good that can be done when a group of Holy-Ghost-filled people unite for one goal—that people might be saved. We are now in another revival effort, with evangelist Mary Lou Wiles, of Columbus, Ohio. We are in the second week, and the blessings of God are certainly being poured out. Many have been saved and filled with the Holy Ghost in this revival. Please remember Joppa in your prayers.—Edward G. Gray, Jr., Clerk.

May 31, 1953, marked a day that we, the Church of God, in Statenville, Ga., had been eagerly awaiting—the day that the new church was dedicated, debt free.

Brother H. M. Long, of Tifton, our district pastor, was in charge of the dedicatory service and preached a wonderful message, after which a bountiful dinner was spread and enjoyed by all.

The Church of God here in Statenville was organized in August, 1951, with only 8 members. We worshiped for about a year in a small dilapidated store building. God wonderfully

blessed. People received the Holy Ghost in prayer meetings. At present there are 43 members. We truly thank the Lord for supplying every need, and give Him all the praise for what has been accomplished.—Ruth Staten, Clerk.

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KNOXVILLE, Iowa—We want to thank the Lord for what He means to us. Since August 25, 1952, when we started pastoring in Knoxville, the Lord has richly blessed the church. Twenty souls have been saved and 24 added to the church, for which we praise the Lord. The people here are real Church of God people, and we praise the Lord for them. They have bought new furniture for the parsonage. This is our second time to pastor the Church of God at Knoxville. We thank God for our fine state overseer and his fine family. Pray for us that we will find favor of God.—J. H. Freeman.

TRUE WEALTH

"How excellent is thy loving kindness, O God. Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings."—Psalm 36:7.

The true wealth is to possess God's love, and to know in thought, and realize in feeling, and reciprocate in affection His grace and goodness, the beauty and perfectness of His wondrous character. That man is wealthy who has God on his side; that man is a pauper who has not God for his. The word rendered "put their trust" has a very beautiful literal meaning. It means to flee for refuge, as the manslayer might flee into the strong city; as Lot did out of Sodom to the little city on the hill; as David did, into the cave from his enemies. So says the Word. With such haste, with such intensity, staying for nothing, and with the effort of your whole will and nature, flee to God. That is trust. Go to Him for refuge from all evil, from all harm, from all sin, from hell, and death, and the devil. Put your trust under the shadow of His wings. That is a beautiful image, drawn, probably, from the grand words of Deuteronomy, where the tenderness of God is likened to the eagle stirring up her nest, fluttering over her young, with tenderness in her fierce eye, and protecting strength in the sweep of her mighty pinion. So God spreads the covert of His wing, strong and tender, beneath which we may all gather ourselves and nestle.—Alexander MacLaren.

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NOTICE

Any one desiring me for a revival may contact me at 610 North 8th Street, Paducah, Ky.—J. L. Potts.

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E/P NEWS...

INCREASE IN RELIGIOUS INTEREST IN COLLEGES

(EP) Calling the tempo of modern college life "bewildering," a well-known educator has noted that the fast collegiate pace, nevertheless, includes a far greater interest in religion and philosophy than previously existed on university campuses. Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, president of Pennsylvania State College, told a church audience last week: "The religious life of the students is becoming an increasingly vital part of the college experience. Our non-denominational Sunday chapel service fills our auditorium to overflowing every week of the college year. In addition, the students crowd the churches of many community parishes and congregations, and utilize constructively the centers for religious education which many of the denominations maintain." Dr. Eisenhower observed that these conditions are "characteristic of the great majority of our colleges and universities."

SAYS WORLD EVENTS POINT TO LORD'S COMING

NEW YORK (EP) The *Intelligence Digest*, which concerns itself with international politics, and the offices of which are in the Empire State Building, New York City, thinks of 1952 as being more significant than any preceding year in history. Two nations at swords' points have each in their arsenal a weapon which, if used, could wipe out the whole human race. Then it goes on:

"This is perhaps the only secular publication in the world which has constantly pointed out, and ventures now most respectfully to do so again, that the entire faith and creeds of all the Christian churches, of all denominations, from the very beginning of our era right down to this moment, have categorically affirmed that a situation of this very kind would develop, and that, at the critical point of its development, a Sovereign intervention was the supreme promise to the world.

"What now actually faces us was precisely anticipated by the Christian Church. While it is necessary to use all human talents for the widest conduct of public affairs, nevertheless we are rapidly approaching the time when the human race should look to divine intervention in its affairs—an intervention which will not be withheld. It is not out of place here to quote what was the supreme and culminating prophecy of our Lord: 'For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened' (Matthew 24:21, 22).

"That is the faith of many, and it is the profound conviction of those responsible for *Intelligence Digest*."

800,000 LIQUOR CASUALTIES

(EP) Speaking before the American Businessmen's Research Foundation last July, Doctor Andrew C. Ivy, world-famous psychologist, said: "According to the best scientific evidence available, 800,000, or forty per cent of the two million traffic casualties in 1951, were due to alcohol. A minimum estimate would be twenty per cent or 400,000. The twenty per cent figure is derived from data supplied to the National Safety Council. It is based on the fact that the police officials and coroners reported in 1950 that twenty per cent of the victims of fatal accidents had been drinking alcohol. "But the reports are very incomplete; and everyone admits that the twenty per cent underestimates the actual truth. We should not underestimate the size of a problem when it deals with twenty to thirty thousand deaths and several hundreds of thousands injured persons.

"The figure of forty per cent is less than that which we find reported as the result of special surveys to determine those who had been drinking among the persons killed in traffic accidents. A special survey was made in St. Louis, New York, Cleveland, and Los Angeles. The percentage of persons killed who had been drinking varied from forty-six to sixty per cent. The average was approximately fifty-one per cent."

U. S. MAY BE HUNGRY IN 22 YEARS

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) A special dispatch by Milt Freudenhelm declares that in 22 years, the United States may begin changing into a hungry, thirsty nation, with an ever-growing population and wearing-out land. This dismal picture was put together by Robert C. Cook in the June bulletin of the population reference bureau, of which he is director. He uses Government statistics. By 1975 our population will be approximately 190,000,000, he estimates. The average American uses up 1,600 pounds of food a year, 14,000 pounds of fuel for heat, autos, etc., and 10,000 pounds of building materials. As the population climbs nearly three million a year, vital natural resources are dwindling.

"The unpleasant truth is that our vaunted industrial civilization is living on the (resources) capital of the planet," Cook charges. Only 23 per cent of the 461 million acres of commercial forest land is in "good practice" conservation-wise, Cook said. Of 1,159,000,000 acres of farmland, only about 23 per cent is under soil conservation practice. Once the world's leading oil exporter, the United States in 1950 imported more than a half billion barrels of petroleum.

Population forecasts always are a gamble, Cook admits. Prosperity speeds the increase. Depressions slow it down. But material resources are a tangible item. For example, water shortages already threaten Western cities, the industrial Ohio Valley, and Long Island. "With thousands of square miles of forests and their leaf-mold carpets gone, with topsoil thinner than it was and with the quality

of grass-cover deteriorating by continued overgrazing, run-off creates flash floods," Cook added. If forests should be further pushed back to open up grazing lands, or "if the millions of acres of grass lands now administered by the Government should be more heavily grazed . . . or subjected to indiscriminate exploitation," the industrial plants of the great plains and far West "would be literally high and dry." As for land, he quotes Dr. Byron T. Shaw, of the Department of Agriculture Research staff, who predicts we shall be short 70 million acres by 1975.

"In the large area of highly productive soils in the Midwest, it has been estimated that the inherent productivity of these soils is still going downhill at a rate of 7-10 of a per cent a year," Dr. Shaw says. In American forests each year a billion dollars' worth of timber is felled. The United States forest service says 71 per cent of the cutting by small owners is "poor or destructive" although the record of larger owners is better.

With more and more of the world becoming industrialized and eating up increasingly huge chunks of resources, and with populations soaring, resource management is "one of the most critical problems" we face, Cook concludes.

CHURCH COLLEGES PROBLEMS TOLD

CARLISLE, Pa. (EP) According to an Associated Press report, church-related colleges must solve their financial problems or give an inferior education, a college president warned. Dr. Robert H. Montgomery, of Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio, told the ninety-fifth general assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America that "we have great difficulty in maintaining strong teaching staffs because of the inadequate salaries we are able to pay. If we don't do something about it, we shall be forced to give inferior education to our children," he told about 300 delegates.

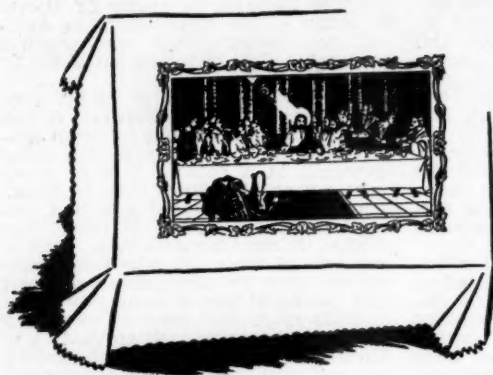
PRAYERS IN LAREDO BRING RAIN

LAREDO, Texas (EP) Rain began falling in Laredo at 9:00 o'clock Friday night—28 hours after hundreds had gathered in the downtown plaza to pray for an hour of rain. Dust blew into Laredo on winds of 60 miles an hour and then the raindrops started falling. It was Laredo's first rain since 42 of an inch fell March 18. The Rio Grande—the area's water supply—still was trickling slowly down its sandy bed.

According to late census reports, nine states lost in population since April 1, 1950. Six were in the South. West Virginia was heaviest hit with 55,000 loss, followed by Tennessee with 34,000, Arkansas with 33,000, and Kentucky with 29,000. California experienced the largest numerical gain, followed by Texas, New York, Michigan, and Florida.

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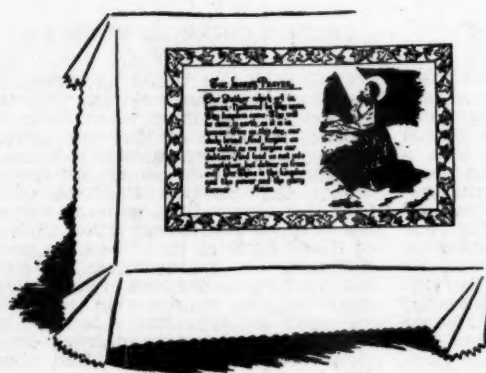
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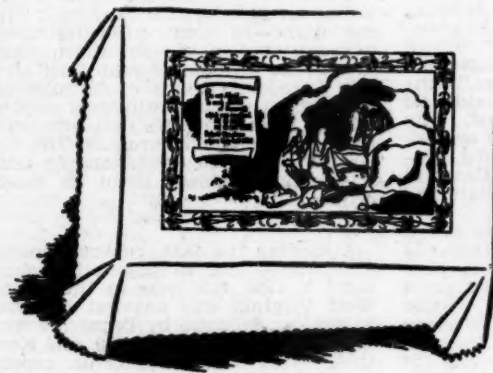


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